

R5 NANTES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE LA LOIRE-ATLANTIQUE - PRIX BOULANGERIE FRANGEUL - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF -
Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 20,100**

- 1. YOUR MY HEART** - Recent success at Saumur in a conditions race over 2700m on March 29th by 3 lengths. Can play a lead role
- 2. LE CITADIN** - Good win last time over 2300m at Angers on May 2nd in a maiden race by a narrow margin. Ought to be in the shake-up
- 3. ANODIAC** - Won at Dieppe in a handicap over 2400m on May 16th last time out. Has work to do to trouble some of these
- 4. HOTISSIMO** - Two good runs, a win over this track and trip in a maiden last time on April 14th. Can keep on progressing and can win again
- 5. DERBYCAT** - Unplaced last time in a Class 2 race, a win previously on debut at Durtal in a conditions race over 2300m on March 22nd. In the mix

Summary: HOTISSIMO (4) has shaped well in both career starts and looks the one to beat after an impressive maiden success at this track in mid-April, when scoring by more than three lengths. He finished ahead of today's main rival LE CITADIN (2), who still has ground to make up despite showing improvement and landing a win at Angers almost four weeks ago. YOUR MY HEART (1) made a striking impression when winning comfortably on debut at Saumur in late March and also deserves consideration.

SELECTIONS

HOTISSIMO (4) - LE CITADIN (2) - YOUR MY HEART (1) - DERBYCAT (5)

**C2 - PRIX DE LA DUCHESSE ANNE - PRIX AXA AGENCE FREDERIC VEILLON - 2400m (a1m1/2) -
TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 11,500**

- 1. ABRONZAL** - Ran well to be 4th last time over 2900m at Royan in a maiden race on May 14th. Others seem better equipped
- 2. INDY** - Two 5th place runs, the latter over 2100m at Limoges in a maiden race on May 17th. Ought to in the shake-up
- 3. ARCADIA** - Two unplaced runs, the latter when 5th at Moulins in a conditions race over 2800m on May 9th. Capable of a more competitive effort
- 4. ROMA ANTICA** - Two below par runs since a win over 1400m in a maiden at Limoges on March 15th. Big jump up in distance and can be avoided
- 5. PETITE ABEILLE** - She has been 6th on her two runs this year, the most recent over 1900m at Deauville on January 31st in a Class 2 race. Among the leading chances
- 6. OCTOBRE ROSE** - Won on the only start over 2850m at Loudeac in a conditions race on April 26th. Won with a good bit in hand on debut and can follow up
- 7. ETAPARK** - Placed 4th on his sole start over 2900m at Royan in a conditions race on May 8th. Can improve and has more to come
- 8. DSCHINGIS AREON** - Placed on the last two runs, 4th in a claimer at Royan over 1600m on May 8th last time. Look for an alternative
- 9. HIGH NOTE** - Nice 2nd on debut at Morlaix in a claiming race over 2600m on May 10th. He will know more this time and has strong claims
- 10. LADY STARLIGHT** - Several unplaced efforts, 7th at Nantes in a maiden race over this trip on April 14th last time out. Hard to fancy

Summary: OCTOBRE ROSE (6) made an impressive winning debut in a conditions race at Loudéac in April and, with natural improvement expected, she is taken to follow up. HIGH NOTE (9) shaped with promise when runner-up on debut in a claiming race at Morlaix on May 10th and looks the main danger. ETAPARK (7) produced an encouraging effort to finish fourth on debut earlier this month and holds solid each-way claims. PETITE ABEILLE (5) has shown ability in both starts and appeals as the best of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

OCTOBRE ROSE (6) - HIGH NOTE (9) - ETAPARK (7) - PETITE ABEILLE (5)

**C3 - PRIX ERDRE & LOIRE INITIATIVE -PX MENUISERIE PIERRE BLEUE(PX CONF. MI) - 3100m (a2m) -
TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,200**

- 1. MARTIN** - Did not feature last time a win before that over 2400m at this track in a Class 3 handicap on March 31st. Needs to be more consistent
- 2. ROATAN** - Fair 5th last time at Saint-Brieuc in a Class 4 race on May 14th over 2400m. One to pay attention to and can make the frame
- 3. LA GUERCHE** - Recent 4th over 3000m at Le Lion D'Angers in a Class 3 handicap on May 7th. Among the leading each-way chances
- 4. PRETTY STORM** - Won on her latest start over 2300m at Tarbes in a Class 3 handicap on May 11th. More to do in a stronger race
- 5. KANDO** - Has not been involved in two runs this year, 7th at Le Lion D'Angers on the latter in a Class 3 handicap on May 7th. He has solid claims and will be fitter for the last to runs
- 6. SUPER ALEX** - Unplaced last time, a win previously over 3100m at La Roche-Sur-Yon in a Class 4 race on April 19th. Can not be ruled out
- 7. EDIBEST FAL** - Below par last time, a win before that over 2400m at Pornichet on February 5th in a Class 4 handicap. Makes limited appeal
- 8. KING KARA** - Placed 3rd on the latest start over 3000m in a Class 3 handicap at Le Lion D'Angers on May 7th. Ought to be in the shake-up
- 9. L'AGORA GAME** - Two placed runs recently, 3rd on the latter over 2400m at Limoges in a Class 4 race on May 17th. Others rate higher
- 10. FLAMINGWAY** - Placed 2nd last time over 3000m in a Class 3 handicap at Le Lion D'Angers on May 7th. Looks ready to win again
- 11. TRIOMPHE DES BOIS** - Below par on the last two runs, well beaten at Dieppe in a Class 3 handicap over 2400m on May 16th. Hard to fancy

Summary: FLAMINGWAY (10) was a pleasing second in a Class 3 handicap at Le Lion D'Angers earlier this month and he can get make his presence felt. KANDO (5) was very consistent last year and although unplaced on both starts this year, there were signs of encouragement 22 days ago at Le Lion D'Angers when last seen. He can be involved, as can LA GUERCHE (3), who was fourth last time in the same race as the latter at Le Lion D'Angers. KING KARA (8) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

FLAMINGWAY (10) - KANDO (5) - LA GUERCHE (3) - KING KARA (8)

**C4 - PRIX DE LA VENDEE - PRIX AUSSI TAUX PRET - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap
- Flat - EUR € 16,300**

1. **KER WELEN** - Two unplaced runs this year, the latter over 2100m at Angers on May 2nd in a Class 3 handicap. Others rate higher
2. **DREAM OP FAL** - Placed on the last two runs, 2nd on the most recent over 1400m at Niort on May 17th. Unlikely to trouble the principles
3. **ALCOTAN** - Three below par runs since a win over 1600m at Chantilly in a Class 3 handicap on September 1st. Needs to get back on track
4. **YASHAN FAL** - Poor effort of late, a win before that at Mauron in a Class 3 race at Mauron over 2000m on August 24th. Not seen since September last year and will improve for this fitness wise
5. **KEANU** - Creditable 5th over 1600m in a Class 4 handicap at this track on May 11th. One to pay close attention to
6. **FROMNTINE** - Two 4th placed runs this year, the most recent over 1600m in a Class 3 handicap at Bordeaux Le Bouscat on April 27th. Merits consideration
7. **WILD WEST** - Placed on two of the last three starts, 2nd on the latter over 1600m in a Class 4 handicap at this track on May 11th. Place contender
8. **JIEPIES MELODY** - Fair 4th last time over this track and trip in a Class 4 handicap on May 11th. Enters each-way calculations
9. **MRS HOLIDAY** - Four unplaced runs this year, the latter over 1600m in a Class 4 handicap at this track on May 11th. Look for an alternative
10. **FIREMAN** - Good win over 1600m in a Class 4 handicap at this track on May 11th. Loved this track and trip and is hard to dismiss
11. **CALYPSO** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 1600m at Parislongchamp on April 26th in a Class 4 race. Among the leading contenders
12. **BEJAR** - Placed 2nd on her last run over 1800m at Le Croise-Laroche in a Class 4 race on May 17th. Might find a few tto smart
13. **LA PELEMOISE** - Out of form on the last three runs, 7th on the most recent in a Class 3 race at Clairefontaine over 1600m on October 24th. Likely to need this run after an absence
14. **GREAT ART** - Numerous unplaced runs of late, 7th on the latest in a Class 4 handicap on May 5th over 1950m. Has to do more to make the frame
15. **NIPPE DE STAR** - Below par 26 days ago at Parislongchamp, a good 2nd before that in a Class 4 handicap over 1600m on April 14th. In the mix
16. **GIUSEPPE BALLOCCO** - He has not featured in three runs this year, the latter over 1600m in a Class 3 handicap at Parislongchamp on May 14th. Unlikely to be a threat

Summary: FIREMAN (10) won over this track and trip in a Class 4 handicap 18 days ago and he seems to thrive at this venue. His main threat could be CALYPSO (11), who was a good third two runs back in a Class 4 race at Parislongchamp late in April. KEANU (5) is better than recent form figures, and was a creditable fifth in a handicap at this track on the most recent start. FROMONTINE (6) has been placed on his last two runs and has solid each-way claims.

SELECTIONS

FIREMAN (10) - CALYPSO (11) - KEANU (5) - FROMONTINE (6)

**C5 - PRIX DE GRASLIN - PRIX COTES & BOUCHONS - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 4 Divided
Handicap - Flat - EUR € 14,400**

1. **DELTA SPIRIT** - Has struggled of late and finished 11th in a handicap over this course and distance on 11 May. Others are much preferred
2. **THE PRESIDENT** - Better over further and finished 6th in a handicap over this course and distance on 11 May. Might earn some minor money
3. **MLLE CLARCK** - Has struggled of late and finished 8th in a handicap over this track and trip on 11 May. Needs to find a few lengths to score
4. **POMME SURETTE** - Has improved of late and arrives for this after a victory in a claimer at Vannes over 1500m on 8 May. Tougher task but is not out of it
5. **CHESTER SKY** - On a long losing run and finished 7th in a handicap over this course and distance on 11 May. More is needed to score
6. **SYRUS** - Not reliable and finished 9th in a handicap over this course and distance on 11 May. Has a place chance on best form
7. **OASIS BAY** - Has only been modest of late and finished 7th in a handicap at Chantilly over 1900m on 4 May. Probably at best on the PSF but can play a minor role
8. **BOBROVKHA** - Has struggled of late and finished tenth in a handicap at ParisLongchamp over 1400 on 3 May. Has won over this course and distance and can bounce back to score
9. **LOVELY DREAM** - Has only been modest of late and was 5th in a Conditions race at Saint-Brieuc over 1700m on 14 May. Yet to win a race and more is needed to score
10. **EL MEASTRO** - Not reliable and finished 12th in a handicap at ParisLongchamp over 1400m on 3 May. Capable of making the frame on best form
11. **XARUN** - Has some fair form and finished 5th in a handicap at Vichy over this distance on 13 May. Could earn some more money
12. **BEAUTIFOAL** - Unreliable and finished 8th in a handicap at Châteaubriant over 1950m on 5 May. Capable of earning some money
13. **NIIA** - Has struggled this year and was 11th in a handicap over this course and distance on 11 May. Others make more appeal
14. **BANMA** - Successful twice in a row, the latest in a Conditions race at Royan La Palmyre over 1600m on 8 May. Tougher task in this line-up
15. **PENNYGRAPHIE** - Unreliable and finished 8th in a handicap over this track and trip on 11 May. More is needed to beat these rivals
16. **TOOCOOLFORSCHOOL** - Has some fair form of late and finished 5th in a handicap over this track and trip on 11 May. Has claims in this line-up

Summary: A tricky contest to unravel. A tentative vote goes to TOOCOOLFORSCHOOL (16), who arrives on the back of two solid efforts over today's track and trip. Recent winner of a claimer, POMME SURETTE (4) is now well treated off a mark of 26. BOBROVKHA (8) disappointed last time but returns to the scene of her latest success and could bounce back. EL MEASTRO (10) appeals as an interesting outsider and must be respected.

SELECTIONS

TOOCOOLFORSCHOOL (16) - POMME SURETTE (4) - BOBROVKHA (8) - EL MEASTRO (10)

**C6 - PRIX KERIVON - PRIX NOZAY SELECT AUTO - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 2 - Hurdles - EUR €
28,000**

1. MONEY CASH - Probably needed his only run of this year when 8th in a Conditions hurdle at Royan La Palmyre over 3500m on 8 May. Fitter this time and might play a minor role

2. CLASSIC DREAM - Showed some improvement when third in a Conditions hurdle at Royan La Palmyre over 3500m on 8 May. Has a place chance in this line-up

3. MELCHIZEDEC - Unplaced on debut in a Conditions hurdle at Auteuil over 3600m on 25 April. Capable of improvement and could make the frame

4. MIRMILLON - Returned to form when runner-up in a Conditions hurdle over this track and trip on 11 May. Can go one place better

5. SOSWEETY - Has struggled in all three starts, the latest in a Conditions hurdle over this course and distance on 11 May. Needs major improvement to win

6. MERLIN DU QUARTIER - Finished fourth on debut in a Conditions hurdle over this course and distance on 11 May. Might earn some more money

7. MELINA BELLA - Has run well in both her starts, the latest in a Conditions hurdle at Auteuil over 3600m on 2 April. Big chance in this line-up

8. LOVEROSE - Successful on debut in a Conditions flat race at Lignieres over 2400m on 7 March. Can be a threat trying a hurdle race

9. MUSARDISE - A four-year-old filly by Martinborough out of Atorsix who is making her debut. Her mother never ran in France. Can be a threat

Summary: MELINA BELLA (7) ran a solid race at Auteuil in early April and will be looking to open her account here. MUSARDISE (9) makes her debut but must be showing ability at home to start out in a Class 2. MIRMILLON (4) has the advantage of already performing well over this course and distance and is clearly not out of it. Now trained by François Nicolle, MELCHIZEDEC (3) is one capable of good improvement.

SELECTIONS

MELINA BELLA (7) - MUSARDISE (9) - MIRMILLON (4) - MELCHIZEDEC (3)

**C7 - MINOTERIE BOURSEAU - GRANDE COURSE DE HAIES DE NANTES - 3900m (a2m1/2) - TURF -
Class 1 - Hurdles - EUR € 41,000**

- 1. ITAL CONTI** - Unplaced last time out in a Group 3 hurdle at Auteuil over 4300m on 25 April. Did better last year and is capable of an upset
- 2. EDITION ORIGINALE** - On a long losing run and finished fourth in a handicap hurdle at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over this distance on 5 May. Can earn some more money
- 3. CHANCE DE BALLON** - Returned to form with a victory in a conditions hurdle over this track and trip on 11 May. Not reliable but is capable of doubling up
- 4. GILOU CAT** - Bounced back to form when third in a conditions hurdle over this course and distance on 11 May. Can get into the frame again
- 5. IDEE DU COEUR** - Finished 7th in a Listed hurdle at Compiegne over 3800m on 13 May 2024. Returns from a lengthy break and could need this run
- 6. ANATOLE** - Probably needed his only run of the year when 6th in a conditions hurdle at Compiegne over 3600m on 4 May. Fitter now and is not out of it
- 7. SAINT LOUIS BLUES** - Finished 6th in a Listed hurdle at Auteuil over 3900m on 17 May. Can bounce back to beat these rivals
- 8. MESSY** - Not reliable and finished 7th in a handicap chase at Fontainebleau over 3600m on 9 December. Could need this run returning from a break

Summary: CHANCE DE BALLON (3) won the trial for this Grand Hurdle in impressive fashion and will take plenty of beating. SAINT LOUIS BLUES (7) may prove his most dangerous rival as he does have ability. If GILOU CAT (4) is not too far off the pace turning for home, his turn of foot could be decisive. ITAL CONTI (1) returns to hurdles with legitimate ambitions and could be a threat if finding the form of last year.

SELECTIONS

CHANCE DE BALLON (3) - SAINT LOUIS BLUES (7) - GILOU CAT (4) - ITAL CONTI (1)

C8 - PRIX HUGUES DE LA BROUSSE - PRIX TRANSPORT MUSTIERE ROBIN - 4300m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Steeple Chase - EUR € 28,000

- 1. ALWAYS LOVE YOU** - Holding form and finished fourth in a conditions chase at this course over 3900m on 14 April. Can be competitive in this line-up
- 2. KOKOCHAGA** - In good form and finished fourth in a conditions hurdle at this course over 3900m on 11 May. Did win over fences before that and can bounce back to score
- 3. CHARMINO** - A faller last time out in a conditions hurdle at Royan La Palmyre over 4100m on 8 May. Capable of making the frame
- 4. LE GENE BLEU** - Did not show his best when 12th in a handicap chase at Compiègne over 3800m on 4 May. In good form before that and is clearly not out of it
- 5. PASTOUREAU** - Did not show his best when 9th in a handicap hurdle at Auteuil over 3600m on 25 April. Yet to win a race but can be competitive in this line-up
- 6. LORDDELOUEST** - Did not show his best when tenth in a conditions hurdle at this course over 3900m on 11 May. Unreliable but is capable of contesting the finish
- 7. L'AMIRAL D'AINAY** - Unreliable this year and finished 8th in a conditions chase at Dieppe over 3900m on 30 April. More is needed to beat these rivals
- 8. ROYAL PONT AVEN** - Did not show his best when unplaced in a handicap chase at Morlaix over 3900m on 29 March. Often competitive and can get involved in the finish

Summary: Given the manner of his victory over this course and distance in a Class 1 last month, KOKOCHAGA (2) should have no trouble following up despite carrying an extra 2Kgs. He should win this lucky last race. Back on a track that will suit him much better, LORDDELOUEST (6) looks a serious rival. A stablemate of the selection, ALWAYS LOVE YOU (1) should come on for his reappearance. CHARMINO (3) will be aiming to also get into the frame.

SELECTIONS

KOKOCHAGA (2) - LORDDELOUEST (6) - ALWAYS LOVE YOU (1) - CHARMINO (3)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

**Horse of the day
KOKOCHAGA (802)**

**Outsider of the day
NIPPE DE STAR (415)**

**Reverse forecast
CHANCE DE BALLON (703) - SAINT LOUIS BLUES (707)**

**Three pick of the day
HOTISSIMO (104) - MELINA BELLA (607) - KOKOCHAGA (802)**